

United States Senate

May 9, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Commerce, Justice, Science, and
Related Agencies,
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Commerce, Justice, Science, and
Related Agencies,
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair Shaheen, and Ranking Member Moran,

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2025 Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

Sincerely,



Tina Smith
United States Senator

**Smith, Tina(D-MN) Commerce, Justice and Science
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

| Recipient Name | Project Purpose | Project Location | Amount Requested (\$000) |
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| Anoka County Attorney's Office | Developing a program to provide creative solutions to mental health. Focus is early, meaningful intervention with services at initial contact with the justice system. The goal is to implement a program tailored to the community available for replication by others. | Anoka County MN | \$626 |
| Lake of the Woods County | Lake of the Woods County requires a fast response boat to ensure quick emergency assistance to residents and visitors on the lake. The county recognizes the need for rapid response due to the lake's vast size and potential for boating accidents, medical emergencies, or other water-related incidents. | Baudette MN | \$542 |
| City of Blaine, MN | The project will fund the replacement of the Joint Powers Command Vehicle, which provides critical law enforcement and emergency response services during major public events, natural disasters, and other public safety incidents across communities in Anoka and Ramsey County. | Blaine MN | \$750 |
| Hennepin Technical College Foundation | Conex containers will be used to mimic the streets and buildings of a neighborhood. Peace officers, firefighters and EMTs would learn how to drive through and approach emergencies in busy neighborhoods, work with other first responders, and support community living. | Brooklyn Park MN | \$3,285 |
| City of Burnsville | The funding would be used to replace an over 20 year old Public Safety Mobile Command Post (MCP) vehicle. The MCP is used regionally to support public safety operations during large scale or high risk incidents. | Burnsville MN | \$2,200 |
| Regional Native Public Defense Corporation | The RNPDC provides culturally attuned legal defense for American Indians, emphasizing restorative principles and community involvement to reduce recidivism and promote systemic change, seeking funding to expand its holistic, low-barrier services. | Cass Lake MN | \$500 |
| City of Champlin | The PUPS facility needs to be expanded by 1800 square feet. | Champlin MN | \$275 |
| Maria Pew Family Foundation | This project continuation and expansion would make the 3rd District one of the few in MN and possibly one of the few in the US to provide cities, school districts and first responder entities and their employees the ability to avoid or prevent domestic violence in their own lives. | Chaska MN | \$300 |
| St. Louis County | This project will create Minnesota's largest public safety records consortium for nine Minnesota counties: Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Cook, Crow Wing, Lake, Koochiching, Itasca, and St. Louis. It will improve public safety throughout the region. | Cook, Lake, Aitkin, Carlton, Crow Wing, Cass, Koochiching, Itasca and St. Louis Counties MN | \$4,000 |
| South Metro Public Safety Training Facility | Capital improvement project for fire training tower. | Edina MN | \$500 |
| Sherburne County | Sherburne County Federal US Marshal Housing Facility Renovation for Public Safety and Security. | Elk River MN | \$7,000 |

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| Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa | The Tribal Court operates out of a shared courtroom/conference room. The space is not a safe environment to address court matters. A new facility will provide a safe and accessible space to adequately address the Band's expanding community justice needs. | Fond du Lac Reservation – Cloquet District MN | \$8,355 |
| Hennepin County Sheriff's Office | This program would support new initiatives created by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office to address public safety threats that are rising sharply in Minnesota. The two areas this funding would address are fentanyl overdose deaths and mental health crises/barricades/high-risk warrant executions. | Hennepin County MN | \$610 |
| MN Fire Initiative https://mnfireinitiative.com/ | Firefighters are three times more likely to die from cardiovascular disease than other workers. This is exacerbated in Minnesota where investment in firefighter health lags significantly other states. This project aims to eliminate cardiovascular health disparities in Minnesota's active-duty firefi | Isanti MN | \$2,000 |
| City of Lakeville | To construct a regional public safety training facility that does not currently exist for use by public safety personnel in the south metro area and adjacent cities and counties. | Lakeville MN | \$7,000 |
| Finishing Trades Institute of the Upper Midwest Trust Fund | The Finishing Trades Institute of the Upper Midwest (FTIUM) will support Apprenticeship Minnesota in its efforts to expand pre-apprenticeship opportunities. | Little Canada MN | \$1,896 |
| American Association of State Climatologists (AASC) | MNSCO, with support from AASC, will use this grant to conduct a comprehensive update in Minnesota's drought plan. The last such update was 15 years ago and does not address all current needs for the plan. | Minneapolis MN | \$375 |
| Hennepin County Attorney's Office | We are seeking funding for web-based software programs to aid in identifying and seizing illegal drug proceeds from fentanyl to make Hennepin County an unattractive venue for drug trafficking organizations and increase the price of fentanyl, making it less available to the community. | Minneapolis MN | \$125 |
| University of Minnesota | Building on UMN's role in the Minnesota MedTech3.0 Tech Hub, this request will provide a comprehensive environment where new devices, software, diagnostics, and treatment modalities can be rigorously assessed for safety, usability and reliability before clinical testing and application. | Minneapolis MN | \$2,000 |
| Generation Hope | The Justice Empowerment Initiative by Generation Hope is strategically designed to support justice-involved individuals in Minneapolis. | Minneapolis MN | \$1,461 |
| City of Minnetonka | The requested amount of \$1.275 million would be used by the City of Minnetonka to purchase 911 emergency radio equipment, including 45 police dash mount radios, 30 fire dash mount radios and 91 fire portable radios. | Minnetonka MN | \$1,275 |
| City of Princeton/Mille Lacs County Jointly | The purpose of this project is to purchase radio simulcast equipment to place on a City-owned tower. The radio simulcast equipment will boost the radio signals for emergency services and public works staff. | Princeton MN | \$750 |
| Ramsey County | This project creates a Wet Bulb Globe Temperature sensor network for real-time and climate trend data on the hazard levels of heat health stress in our Urban Heat Island communities. It would improve both equitable heat emergency response and heat mitigation among our most vulnerable populations. | Ramsey County MN | \$750 |

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| Ramsey County | Recent federal investments in the semiconductor & med tech manufacturing has brought new opportunities to Ramsey County. InnovateWorks: Advanced Manufacturing Accelerator will enhance awareness, career pathways, training for advanced manufacturing careers for underrepresented & low-income residents. | Ramsey County MN | \$2,000 |
| City of Rochester | Federal investment will support technology upgrades for the Rochester Police Department, including automated license plate readers, modem replacements, public safety cameras at intersections, and forensic cell phone technology. | Rochester MN | \$435 |
| City of Rochester | Federal investment will support the acquisition and installation of bi-directional amplifiers and cellular distributed antenna systems in schools to improve police radio communications in buildings where signals are degraded due to dense construction and other obstacles that attenuate the signal. | Rochester MN | \$500 |
| City of Saint Paul | The purpose is to replace antiquated CCTV equipment and maintain the City of Saint Paul's Police Departments ability to monitor activity in the downtown business district and the Ports along the Mississippi River. | Saint Paul MN | \$1,300 |
| Macalester College | This project would establish an AI research program at Macalester College. | Saint Paul MN | \$500 |
| Scott County | Scott County is upgrading its Records Management System (RMS) to eliminate redundant entries, simplify processes, make it easier to share and integrate information between Scott and Hennepin County law enforcement, and provide rapid and appropriate incident responses by law enforcement. | Scott County MN | \$1,461 |
| Scott County, MN | Scott County is upgrading its Records Management System (RMS) to eliminate redundant entries, simplify processes, make it easier to share and integrate information between Scott and Hennepin County law enforcement, and provide rapid and appropriate incident responses by law enforcement. | Shakopee MN | \$1,500 |
| City of South St. Paul | The purpose of the City of South St. Paul First Responder Safety Initiative is to secure a means for our responders to safely fulfill their mission in response to critical incidents where high powered weaponry is being used against them. | South St. Paul MN | \$350 |
| Higher Works Collaborative | The VIRTUE project uses VR training to put officers in real-world situations, fostering empathy and better police-community relations. Experts and community members help design these scenarios for a more effective and equitable approach to law enforcement. | St. Cloud MN | \$4,441 |
| University of St. Thomas | Experts from St. Thomas' Minnesota Institute of Trauma-Informed Education will work with law enforcement to provide training to schools to help them mitigate the impacts of trauma. A network of school principals will be created to share best practices. | St. Paul MN | \$745 |
| Women's Advocates | Women's Advocates requests \$5.5 million to complete renovations of two buildings into a new domestic violence shelter that will increase shelter space in St. Paul by 56%. This project is shovel-ready and has already attracted \$9.14 million in investment. | St. Paul MN | \$5,500 |
| Sheriff Department, Washington County, Minnesota | This project is to equip patrol, investigations, jail division with body worn cameras, equip squad fleet with cameras, and seamlessly integrate both systems to help streamline efficiency in sharing evidence with the County Attorney's office. | Washington County MN | \$2,500 |

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| Prairie Island Indian Community Department of Public Safety | The Tribe requests funding for a Mobile Incident Command Vehicle with modern technology and support systems. The Requested Vehicle will enable tribal law enforcement to focus on community-oriented policing that emphasizes proactive crime prevention and community-oriented emergency preparedness and | Welch MN | \$1,178 |
| South Metro Fire Department | South St. Paul and West St. Paul will form an innovative joint CORE (Community Opioid Response and Education) team housed by the South Metro Fire Department. | West St. Paul MN | \$1,820 |
| City of Woodbury | Federal investment will help Woodbury to equip an emergency operations center (EOC) with communication systems, computers, maps, and other tools necessary for monitoring and managing emergency situations. This equipment will ensure the safety and well-being of Woodbury residents. | Woodbury MN | \$1,500 |